



## **Purpose and Need Discussion Paper - Summary**

The Statement of Purpose and Need will be the foundation of the I-69, Evansville to Indianapolis Study. It will identify the needs which this project is intended to address. It also will list project goals, which will be used to determine how well alternatives satisfy the needs of the project. A Purpose and Need Discussion Paper has been prepared as the first step in formulating the Statement of Purpose and Need. This Discussion Paper, which is a 16-page document, may be viewed on the project web site, [www.i69indyevn.org](http://www.i69indyevn.org). Or, you may request a copy by writing to the address given on the reverse.

*This document is a summary of the Purpose and Need Discussion Paper.* It includes a Draft Statement of Purpose, and a listing of project issues which will be analyzed to develop the Statement of Purpose and Need.

### **Draft Statement of Purpose**

The Indiana Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration have agreed upon the following draft statement of purpose for this project:

*The purpose of the I-69/Evansville-to-Indianapolis Project is to provide an improved transportation link between Evansville and Indianapolis in a way that:*

- *Strengthens the transportation network in Southwestern Indiana;*
- *Supports economic development in Southwestern Indiana; and*
- *Completes the portion of Corridor 18/I-69 between Evansville and Indianapolis.*

There are ten issues which are being considered in developing the Statement of Purpose and Need. These ten issues are organized into three categories, based on the Draft Statement of Purpose for this project. These categories are Transportation Issues, Economic Development Issues, and Corridor 18/I-69 Issues. They are listed with factors which will be considered in identifying needs which the project will address, as well as in evaluating how well alternatives satisfy project goals.

### **Transportation Issues, with Evaluation Factors**

#### **Issue 1 - Travel between Indianapolis and Evansville.**

- Travel time between Indianapolis and Evansville

#### **Issue 2 - Personal Accessibility**

- The amount of daily travel (both vehicle hours and vehicle miles) regionally and statewide
- The number of residents within specific travel times of hospitals, institutions of higher education, and major cities
- Several indices of accessibility to employment and/or residential areas

## **Transportation Issues, with Evaluation Factors (continued)**

### **Issue 3 - Travel Efficiency**

- The percentage of available roadway capacity used
- The amount of travel which occurs under congested conditions
- Indices of the amount of severe congestion both for all vehicles and for trucks

### **Issue 4 - Safety**

- Number of accidents
- Reductions in number of accidents
- Cost savings from reduced accidents

## **Economic Issues, with Evaluation Factors**

### **Issue 5 - Business Costs**

- Reductions in travel cost for business travel
- Reductions in vehicle operating costs and accident costs for non-business travel

### **Issue 6 - Business Accessibility**

- Access of business to labor and consumer markets
- Improvements in one-day access to buyer and supplier markets

### **Issue 7 - Sustainable Economic Development**

- Changes in employment
- Changes in personal income
- Employment in high-growth and high-wage industries
- Changes in farm and forest income
- Changes in roadside business sales

### **Issue 8 - Widely-Distributed Economic Benefits**

- Percent of labor force employed
- Changes in personal income
- Changes in working age population
- Changes in government assistance payments

## **Corridor 18 Issues, with Evaluation Factors**

### **Issue 9 - Characteristics Required for the Corridor 18 Facility**

- Does the facility connect Evansville and Indianapolis?

### **Issue 10 - Efficient Movement of Freight and People**

- Travel time between Evansville and Indianapolis
- Congestion relief for commercial traffic

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the *I-69, Evansville-to-Indianapolis Study*.